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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

2005-253-C

Re: Verizon Business on behalf of MCI Network Services, Inc. Request for Cancellation of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and for Cancellation of Tariff

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On Jan. 6, 2006, MCI, Inc. merged into MCI, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications Inc. MCI, LLC business units, and certain other business owned by Verizon Communications Inc. that serve enterprise and government customers, call themselves Verizon Business. Verizon Business operating units provide enhanced services and local, long-distance, and other telecommunications services domestically and internationally.

Please accept this letter as a formal request by Verizon Business that the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") cancel the certificate of its subsidiary MCI Network Services, Inc. ("MCINS") and cancel its tariff currently on file. This request is part of an effort by Verizon Business to streamline its business operations in a manner that will simplify administrative requirements for the company, regulators and customers.

Specifically, Verizon Business requests cancellation of MCINS' intrastate authority and cancellation of its tariff. MCINS has no customers and provides no telecommunications services. The assets and customer contracts of MCINS were transferred to MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services effective December 31, 2005 in accordance with state law and Commission rules.

We respectfully request that the cancellations be effective immediately. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the number referenced below.

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Please date-stamp the extra copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed, self-addressed stamped envelope.

Respectfully submitted,

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